weeks to reach even the local destinations;

(c) what are the reasons for disruption in the postal services; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to avoid recurrence of such situations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Railway Mail Services Staff of Delhi Circle resorted to refusal to perform overtime duty from October 17, 1995 after serving notice to that effect to the Chief Postmaster General, Delhi on 12th October. The cause for the agitation was non-payment of pending overtime bills due to shortage of allocated funds on this account. As a result of the agitation, there had been disruption to mail processing and mail movement, more particularly of second class mails comprising printed matter like Annual Reports of Companies, commercial promotional literature, packets, etc., and forward movement of mail bags of other Circles passing through Delhi. It was explained to the leaders of the service unions that the delay in payment of pending overtime allowance bills due to shortage of allocated funds on this account was not peculair to Delhi but to other Circles also and they were assured that when additional funds were allocated in the Revised Estimates, pending claims would be paid. Following these discussions, service unions called off their agitation on November 3, 1995. accumulation of mails due to the agitation would, however, take some time to be cleared.

Mercy Petitions for commutation of Death Sentences

*50. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT
RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mercy petitions for commutation of death sentences received during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details thereof and what has been their results?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Seven mercy petitions were received during the years 1993, 1994 and 1995. These were considered by the President under Article 72 of the Constitution. The details are given in the statement.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the condemned Prisoner	Result
1.	Dhananjoy chatterjee, Central Prison Alipore, Calcutta (West Bengal)	Rejected on 9.6.1994
2.	Laxman Naik Circle Jail Baripada, (Orissa)	Rejected on 9.6.1994

S. No.	Name of the condemned Prisoner	Result
3.	Bheru Singh Central Prison, Jaipur (Rajasthan)	Rejected on 9.6.1994
4.	Shankar alias Gauri Shankar Central Prison, Salem (Tamil Nadu)	Rejected on 9.3.1995
5.	Eldin alias Albert Central Prison, Madurai (Tamil Nadu)	Rejected on 9.3.1995
6.	Suresh Chandra Bahri Central Jail, Bhagalpur (Bihar)	Rejected on 15.4.1995
7.	Amrutlal Someshwar Joshi, Yeravada Central Prison, Pune, (Maharashtra)	Rejected on 9.3.1995

Production Cost and Market price of Petroleum Products

*51. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of petrol, diesel and cooking gas in the country; and

(b) what are their market prices respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The cost of production of Petrol, Diesel and LPG would vary from refinery to refinery depending on the level of crude thruput, pattern of production, delivered cost of crude oil, the cost of processing/refining and the return on capital employed etc. The estimated cost of production on weighted average basis (exclusive of Excise duty) for the year 1994-95 works put as under:

MS-87	Rs. 4774/KL
HSD	Rs. 5440/KL
LPG (Bulk)	Rs. 5915/MT
LPG(Packed)	Rs. 7602/MT

(b) The domestic prices of petroleum products are so structured as to discourage inessential use, promote inter-fuel substitution and subsidise essential fuels for socio-economic reasons to vulnerable sections of the society. The retail selling price as on 1.10.1995 in the four metropolitan cities are as under:

Product	Unit	Delhi	Calcutta	Bombay	Madras
MS-87	Rs/Ltr.	16.95	17.68	19.26	19.98
HSD	Rs/Ltr.	6.99	7.25	7.84	7.80
LPG (Pack-Dom)	Rs/14.2 Kg. Cyl.	93.78	106.99	94.37	98.05

*52. [*Cancelled*]